

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2007**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy “work session” board meeting was held on November 15, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the review of applications.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Steve Earles

Absent:

Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Amanda Allen, Board Secretary, Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist and Pam Candler Application Specialist, and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Absent:

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Johnson called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda: Ms Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented with late item additions for discussion in the closed session. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, the Cognizant and Education reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

The board members reviewed applications received to date for discussion and recommendations; formal voting to follow in a conference call to be set up at a later date. It was not known if there would be a quorum of members available this date due to possible conflicts. The Board chose to post the meeting as a “work session” due to the large number of pending applications.

Late Agenda Items Discussed:

The following items were added as late agenda items and discussed during Executive Session.

1. Process for Review and Recognition of Massage Therapy Educational Programs.
2. Reciprocity and Endorsement Discussion.
3. Revised application for consideration as a “Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program”.
4. Administrative Issuance of Licenses’ between Board meetings.
5. Cognizant Report
6. Educational Advisor’s Report

Conference Call:

Board requested a conference call for Monday, November 19, 2007 for the full Board to vote on today’s committee recommendations.

Ms Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 19, 2008 Conference Call. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____